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STORY IN DETAIL OF HOW AKERS WAS SLAIN

Yale, Tex., Jan. 22.—The story of how Bert Akers, a young rancher of this place, was killed by Mexican cattle thieves when he crossed the border into Mexico yesterday to recover some stolen cows was detailed today by Douglas Down, Akers' companion, who, after surviving a hail of bullets sent after him and Akers by the thieves, escaped to American soil. The Americans were unarmed. Down said they were attacked by five Mexicans who fired more than 200 shots.

Akers was 25 years old. He came here from Kentucky eight years ago. A widow and three children, the eldest four years old, survive. Down, cowboy and wild west rider, is 29 years old. He came here from Moberly, Mo. The Duran brothers, leaders of the Mexican thieves, were captured by Carranza troops, and now are in jail at Juarez. They formerly lived here, having come to Texas from New Mexico.

Akers and Down, accompanied by Juan Barrion, Mexican secret service operative, detailed to aid them, were searching for six cows stolen last Saturday from the ranch of Mrs. J. D. Murphy near here, when attacked. Mrs. Murphy is Akers' sister-in-law. The substance of the story told by Down follows:

"We crossed the river into Mexico yesterday morning and went down by San Lorenzo, searching the countryside, working our way toward Juarez. Barrion, the Mexican detective, was the only man of us armed. Directed by a dairyman we met, we finally located a house occupied by some men, who, the dairyman said, recently had stolen cattle in the neighborhood. It was an old flat roofed adobe about three miles south of the border opposite Vera Yelita.

"We rode up to the house. In the corral we saw the Murphy cows. Their ears had been cut off and they had been re-branded to disguise them.

"Barrion knocked on the door of the adobe house. Federico Duran answered the knock. He knew Akers and I were Americans and recognized Akers at once, having known him previously in Yelita. 'Hello, Chappie,' he said. Chappie is Akers' nickname. 'Federico asked what we wanted and Akers replied that we wanted to look at the stock in the corral. Federico said he would have to see his brother, Bernardo, and turned back into the house.

"I had a hunch something was about to break loose and asked Barrion if he was going to arrest the men. We went to the corral and by this time could see five men in the house. 'I told Barrion I thought there were too many for us to tackle. Pretty soon all the men came running out armed with six shooters. They put up a ladder and mounted to the roof. I shouted to Akers and Barrion to wait out. The Mexicans started to shoot and kept popping mainly at Akers and me. Akers had dismounted and had little opportunity to get away. I cut across an irrigated field on my pony

and Akers came running behind. The field was soft. My pony was to his knees in mud. Akers, in boots, was laboring hard and shouting to me to wait. I pulled him up on the pony behind me. Barrion had gone around on the other side of the house.

"A heavy set Mexican, Bernardo Duran, I believe, had mounted Akers' horse and was coming after us yelling like an Indian and shooting at every jump. My pony jumped one irrigated ditch with the double load. When he tried to jump the next he fell. I went out of the saddle and started afoot. Bert got into the saddle. All the Mexicans were after us, popping at us from every side. I told Bert if he rode I rode too and got on the pony behind him. The biggest Mexican chasing us was now close behind pumping at us as fast as he could load his gun. I decided I took a chance on foot and jumped off the pony again, aiming to get behind a tree. We had reached the road by this time.

"When I jumped from the pony I fell. As I got up the big Mexican on Akers' horse pulled up.

"'I'll kill you if you run,' he said in English.

"I said I did not intend to run and he said he would kill me anyway, and fired almost in my face, but missed. The Mexican then took out after Akers. I ran full speed down the road for about a mile until I came to the house of a Mexican rancher. He was scared almost to death and wouldn't let me in but I got directions to the house of an American named Smith. I started running again after throwing away my coat and finally reached a two-story red brick which was the Smith house, where I stopped exhausted.

"Pretty soon a Mexican boy came riding by and told us some Mexicans had just killed a gringo because he had violated an old Mexican custom that forbids trying to private corral. I told Smith I didn't want to get him in bad and would leave. He gave me a coat and sent his boy to guide me out by a way that would hide me from pursuers. The boy showed me the way to get to the border, which was just a mile.

"I got back across the border about 5 o'clock yesterday evening and told the whole story to a bunch of Texas rangers. The rangers spread along the border hoping the Carranza troops would make it so hot for the thieves that some of them might cross the line."

AKERS BELONGED TO KENTUCKY FAMILY

Horse Cave, Ky., Jan. 22.—J. Bert Akers, killed by Mexicans yesterday at San Lorenzo, Chihuahua, was a son of P. B. Akers, a prominent farmer near Horse Cave. Young Akers went to Mexico seven years ago when he was 21 years of age.

FATHER SHAKES HANDS WITH TWO SONS IN PRISON

Tells Boys Who Conspired to Murder Him That Six Months in Jail Will Be Good and Needed Discipline.

Chicago, Jan. 22.—Furnace D. Urdike, whose sons, Irving and Herbert, confessed to plotting to murder him a week ago, visited them at the county jail for the first time today.

He shook hands and spoke kindly to his sons, and then all were closeted for an hour.

The father told the boys that he had forgiven them and authorized a lawyer to defend them.

"I love you and your mother loves you," he is reported to have said to his sons. "It hurts us both to have you here. We would rather die than see you suffer harm, but you had better remain here until public attention is directed elsewhere. I have no resentment toward either of you."

"We may have to remain here for six months," said Herbert.

"Well, the discipline will do you both good," the father replied. "It is a hard thing to say, but it will be a good lesson to you."

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ENTENTE ALLIES TO BE VIGILANT TOWARDS CHINA

No Intention of Interfering in Domestic Affairs of Nation, but Close Watch Will Be Kept on Government.

(Associated Press Correspondence.) Tokyo, Dec. 18.—The attitude of Japan and that of the other entente allies towards the Chinese monarchic movement will henceforth be that of "vigilance." That is the word which appears in a brief declaration presented by all the allied powers at Peking a few days ago. The word, it is expected, will continue as the keynote of the powers' policy until some grave event in China makes it necessary to translate it into "action."

Japan and the powers have relinquished none of their historic rights to protect their nationals and the property of their nationals in case of a revolution in China, but they have, according to information here, carefully assured the government at Peking that they have no intention of interfering in the domestic affairs of China. They take notice that the monarchic scheme will be suspended for the time being and affirm that, having regard to the repeated assurances of China that it accepts the whole responsibility for the maintenance of peace and order, the powers, on their part, will maintain an attitude of vigilance as to further developments.

As explained in the cable dispatches of the Associated Press the latest communication from the powers was entirely friendly and even soothing in its effect on negotiations which, relating in a sense to a Chinese internal question, were recognized by the powers to be exceedingly delicate.

There is no expectation here that Yuan Shi-kai will long delay his enthronement as emperor. Three or four months is the time estimated. Indeed, the monarchic restoration issue is regarded as more or less dead and buried so far as the powers are concerned unless serious outbreaks should accompany the restoration.

What interests the powers more at this time is the question of throwing the influence of China in with that of the entente allies. Now that Japan has disapproved the idea of making China a party to the entente it is expected that conversations will continue between the entente allies, but down the alleged German intrigues in China which are declared to be directed towards fomenting difficulties in India, Afghanistan and French-Indo-China.

The suggestion coming from China that Japan should support Chinese refugees, including Sun Yat Sen, has caused a widespread discussion of the subject here and a general denial that Japan is trying by the presence of the refugees to further Japanese interests in China. Sun Yat Sen is living quietly in Tokyo. He declines to say anything for publication but is accredited generally with the desire to foment a revolutionary movement against Yuan Shi-kai. He is frequently in consultation with fellow Chinese and lives the life of a man whose time is fully occupied.

View Taken by Press.

The most representative explanation of the Japanese viewpoint is furnished by the Japan Times which is often officially inspired in its articles dealing with foreign relations. This viewpoint is that just as it has been the pride of the Anglo-Saxon peoples not to restrict the liberty of those seeking their protection and still less to surrender them even in the face of strong protest, so it is the sentiment of Japan that she can not turn out refugees on the strength of unproven charges or indeed of anything short of the actual using of Japanese arms as a base of operations against China.

The Times says: "We have no sympathy with the Chinese refugees. Their presence in this country occasions unnecessary and ill-conceived suspicions of Japan, especially since the abortive insurrection at Shanghai. But for the established usage of the civilized world to offer asylum to foreign political refugees Japan would most probably be rid of these revolutionaries by ordering their deportation. Frankly, in a sense we look upon them as an unwelcome burden imposed upon us by civilization and humanity."

The newspaper continues by saying that the only possible explanation for the hostility against the Chinese refugees would appear to be because of their finding refuge in Japan and the unfounded suspicion that Japan is trying to turn their presence to her own advantage. If this be the case, the newspaper suggests, that it would be to the good of both the revolutionists themselves and Japan to seek safety in some other place, like the United States or the British colonies. The Japanese government was not in a position to order them to leave and it remained to them to go voluntarily and thus save the Japanese from unnecessary vexations. Indeed they might be safer in America or Great Britain.

MEDAL AWARDED FOR ACCIDENT PREVENTION

(By Morning Journal Special Leased Wire.) New York, Jan. 22.—The American Museum of Safety announced today that it had awarded to the Union Traction company of Anderson, Ind., the Anthony N. Brady memorial medals for the best record in accident prevention during 1915. The Chicago Elevated railroad received honorable mention.

The medals are awarded on a basis of accident prevention among employees and passengers, sanitary conditions of cars and shops, and welfare work among employees. Three medals, gold, silver and copper are presented to the company, operating chief and a designated employee, respectively.

SNOWSLIDE HITS GREAT NORTHERN TRAIN; SIX DEAD

Four Bodies Taken From Wreck on West Side of Cascade Mountains; Fifteen Injured.

(By Morning Journal Special Leased Wire.) Seattle, Wash., Jan. 22.—Early tonight four bodies had been recovered from the day coach off the westbound Great Northern Cascade limited train, two cars of which were struck by an avalanche near Corea station, on the west slope of the Cascade mountains, and carried down the mountain side today. The bodies recovered were those of Bert Kirkman, Sheridan, Wyo.; W. P. Carter, East Vancouver, B. C.; Edward Batterman and baby, Wenatchee, Wash.

A 10-year-old son of Mr. Batterman is missing, and it is feared he is dead. Still another passenger, name not known, has not been found. The railroad company says the total list of dead will not exceed six. Fifteen passengers were injured, none seriously except Ernest Smith of Spokane, a small boy. The injured were taken to the hotel at Seattle, a few miles below Corea, and cared for by physicians. The injured and uninjured passengers will be brought to Seattle tonight.

None of the trainmen or dining car employees were killed. The train was held at Corea by a small slide. When the track was cleared, the avalanche of ice and snow from the mountain and caught the dining car and day coach. They went down the mountainside like chips and the diner caught fire and was destroyed. One dead man and three injured were extricated from it and a charred body remained while rescuers devoted their efforts to the other victims.

Concrete snowsheds were erected on the approaches to the Cascade tunnel following the tragedy of February 28, 1910, when two passenger trains were swept from the track by a snowslide near the scene of the present accident.

Peter Sever of Leavenworth, Wash., was in the smoking car when the avalanche struck the train. At first he thought there had been a collision. The car began to rise, he said, and all the passengers rushed to the front to get out. He lodged out of the window and saw the chair and dining car tumble over. The dining car turned over once, slid many feet and then burst into flames. All those escaping injury rushed to extricate the passengers buried in the snow.

Miss Fern Murdoch, a young school teacher of Cashmere, Wash., was in the end of the chair car and was thrown down the mountain side fifty feet into snow up to her neck. Her husband and baby were found dead, with her husband, and three children was on her way to Oregon to attend the funeral of her mother. She was in the lavatory warming a bottle of milk for her eight-months-old baby when the slide hit the chair car. The bottle broke, severely cutting her. She was pinned fast in the car by debris and it was forty minutes after an opening was cut into the car before she was extricated. Her husband and baby were found dead, the baby clasped in its father's arms. Her 10-year-old son is missing. The third child escaped unhurt.

UNITED STATES WAITS FACTS OF PERSIA DISASTER

Washington, Jan. 22.—The state department virtually has abandoned hope of determining what destroyed the British steamship Persia, sunk in the Mediterranean with a loss of at least two American lives.

Austria-Hungary and Germany have disclaimed responsibility for the disaster and affidavits of surviving passengers being inconclusive, but one avenue of information remains open. This is through the British government, which has in its possession affidavits from members of the crew. The affidavits were turned over to a British consular representative at Alexandria, Egypt, and were forwarded to London on the day the disaster was reported. The British government has not yet been advised that the documents have reached their destination. It is known that the Persia's crew was on the lookout for submarines for some time prior to the explosion which caused the ship to go down and the state department will not finally decide that the cause of the disaster is an unsolvable mystery until the contents of the crew's affidavits are known. The opinion prevails, however, that if conclusive proof that the Persia was torpedoed was contained in the affidavits, mention of the fact would have been made before this time by the British government.

It is believed that Austria-Hungary is holding up the possible receipt of more information regarding the Persia. Officials consider that there is a possibility the situation may yet so develop as to warrant mention of the Persia in the rejoinder, but the Ancona negotiations probably will be delayed much longer on that account.

The state department tonight had heard only through press dispatches of the disclaimer regarding the Persia delivered to Ambassador Penfield by the Vienna foreign office. A dispatch from the ambassador momentarily was expected, however.

House Arrives in Paris.

Paris, Jan. 22 (8:21 p. m.).—Colonel E. M. House, personal representative of President Wilson, arrived here today from London, accompanied by Mrs. House. They will be the guests of William G. Sharp, American ambassador, while here.

FLOOD WATERS LEAVE YUMA IN TOTAL DARKNESS

Raging Torrent From Colorado River Breaks Levees and Puts Water and Electric Plants Out of Business.

(By Morning Journal Special Leased Wire.) Yuma, Ariz., Jan. 22.—Yuma valley was covered to a depth of from one to four feet in flood water from the Colorado river tonight as a result of the breaking of the government levees near here today. The city of Yuma was in darkness and without a supply of water as the plants supplying gas, electricity and water were flooded.

A citizens' committee was maintaining order here, Mayor Charles C. Moore having died of heart failure shortly after the levees gave way. Business houses in the main street here were flooded to a depth of four feet by the water and many of the older buildings were washed away or badly damaged. Residents were sent to the hills back from the river.

Thousands of acres of agricultural land, both on the Arizona and California sides of the Colorado were inundated. The irrigation canals were filled to the breaking point, and it was feared that serious damage would result to the gigantic irrigation project that supplies all the Imperial valley of California.

Communication to the farming sections near here was cut off, preventing the receipt of definite reports on the situation in many communities. Several thousand head of stock were in the low sections of the Yuma valley and it was feared that a large proportion of them have been destroyed.

The river appeared to be falling here late today but it was thought this was caused by break in the levees, and that the volume of water flowing by here really had not diminished.

Many of the oldest buildings in Yuma have disappeared beneath the flood waters. It was estimated early tonight that at least 100 houses had been destroyed.

The Catholic rectory was in danger of being carried away at any time, and a squad of men were bracing it with props and sand bags. The building is two stories in height and constructed of adobe.

Wells Fargo Express company was compelled to move from its building adjoining the office of the Yuma Examiner, which was flooded to a depth of four feet. The building in which the Morning Sun was located was a complete loss, being one of the first to be undamaged by the water.

All reports from the upper Colorado river tonight stated that the water was falling but the flood area shows no indication of receding.

The water at Yuma was lapped against the piers of the Southern Pacific railroad bridge but the structure at that hour was withstanding the pressure.

ENGLAND TO BE CUT OFF FROM LUXURIES

(By Morning Journal Special Leased Wire.) London, Jan. 22.—An important statement is expected to be made in parliament tomorrow when the question of Sweden's prohibition of the export of wood pulp is raised. The weekly dispatch agency reported that the government has decided on drastic steps as regards the importation of luxuries.

"It may be safely stated," says the Dispatch, "that in a few weeks' time there will be no imported luxuries whatsoever. Certain necessities will still be admitted, as for example, bananas, for the poor, but expensive imported fruits for the rich will be barred. Wasteful motoring, which is everywhere, is to be stopped because it is using up shipping which brings petrol and rubber. The importation of pulp and paper probably will be cut down 10 per cent."

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Head of Company That Constructed Ill-fated Vessel Gives Startling Testimony at Hearing.

(By Morning Journal Special Leased Wire.) Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 22.—Edney C. Jenks, of Port Huron, Mich., head of the ship building company that constructed the steamer Eastland, which turned over in the Chicago river last July carrying more than 300 persons to their death, was the principal witness today in the examination of the six men who were indicted for alleged neglect in connection with the tragedy. He testified that he was told by the first owners of the vessel that they wanted a fast ship for transporting fruit from South Haven to Chicago and he designed a boat to make twenty miles and capable of carrying 500 passengers.

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